

**From:** [Loesel, Matthew](#)  
**To:** [Assunto, Carmen](#)  
**Cc:** [Moore, Gary](#); [Smalley, Bryant](#); [Mason, Steve](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Your inquiry - Response: Houston Chronicle  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 30, 2019 3:03:22 PM

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She is the one we are working with us here.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 30, 2019, at 1:37 PM, Assunto, Carmen <[Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov](mailto:Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov)> wrote:

I remember meeting Heather Biggs at Command Post. She is PIO. Is there a different contact you would recommend, someone up there with you?

Heather Biggs, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD)  
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**From:** Loesel, Matthew  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2019 1:10 PM  
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TPWD, I think.

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**From:** Assunto, Carmen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2019 12:57 PM  
**To:** Moore, Gary <[Moore.Gary@epa.gov](mailto:Moore.Gary@epa.gov)>; Loesel, Matthew <[loesel.matthew@epa.gov](mailto:loesel.matthew@epa.gov)>; Smalley, Bryant <[smalley.bryant@epa.gov](mailto:smalley.bryant@epa.gov)>; Mason, Steve <[mason.steve@epa.gov](mailto:mason.steve@epa.gov)>  
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Any thoughts for a draft answer? Thank you. Carmen

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Trevizo, Perla" <[Perla.Trevizo@chron.com](mailto:Perla.Trevizo@chron.com)>  
**Date:** April 30, 2019 at 12:54:07 PM CDT  
**To:** "Assunto, Carmen" <[Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov](mailto:Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Your inquiry - Response: Houston Chronicle

Thank you. Which agency would be best to answer questions regarding the status and cleanup efforts around the San Jacinto Monument?

Perla

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**From:** Assunto, Carmen <[Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov](mailto:Assunto.Carmen@epa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2019 6:20 AM  
**To:** Trevizo, Perla <[Perla.Trevizo@chron.com](mailto:Perla.Trevizo@chron.com)>  
**Subject:** Your inquiry - Response: Houston Chronicle

Thank you for writing. Here are the responses. Carmen Assunto

What roads, parks, etc. remain closed? Per the Harris County Precinct 2 Web site, the Michael Moncrief Park is closed.

Mr. Moore mentioned elevated benzene levels at the site, could you specify where or where I can find the specific readings? The Story Map is at [response.epa.gov/ITCTankFire](https://response.epa.gov/ITCTankFire) and ITC data is at <https://itcresponse.com/>

He also mentioned several areas that were still challenging. What were those and why? Jacintoport Docks, NRG Sam Bertron and Tucker Bayou – due to clearing of remaining product from around the docks and structures at the first two and the vegetation and banks on Tucker Bayou

Mr. Moore mentioned monitoring being conducted by a company contracted by ITC, is that information also being made available to the public? Yes that data is available at <https://itcresponse.com/>

And finally, any additional information you can provide on PFAS monitoring, locations and what that means? EPA is sampling at 10 locations along Buffalo Bayou and Tucker Bayou, including one

site up stream of the contamination. The water sampling locations are shown on the EPA website, [response.epa.gov/ITCTankFire](https://response.epa.gov/ITCTankFire).

**From:** Trevizo, Perla <[Perla.Trevizo@chron.com](mailto:Perla.Trevizo@chron.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2019 8:44 AM

**To:** R6Press

**Subject:** ITC update town hall meeting

Good morning,

My name is Perla Trevizo, I'm the Chronicle's environmental reporter. I have a couple of follow up questions from this week's town hall meeting.

1. What roads, parks, etc. remain closed?
2. Mr. Moore mentioned elevated benzene levels at the site, could you specify where or where I can find the specific readings?
3. He also mentioned several areas that were still challenging. What were those and why?
4. Mr. Moore mentioned monitoring being conducted by a company contracted by ITC, is that information also being made available to the public?
5. And finally, any additional information you can provide on PFAS monitoring, locations and what that means?

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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